PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Sulphur Springs Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Ala.

October 19th, 20th, 21st and 22d, 1893.

OFFICERS.

The Association will convene with Mount Joy Church, Blount County, Ala., about ten miles west of Blount Springs, on the L. & N. R. R., Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1894.

The 2nd District Meeting will meet on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1894, J. R. Jefferson to preach Introductory and T. D. Holcomb to preach Missionary Sermon.



MINUTES.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA., October 19th, 1893.

The Sulphur Springs Baptist Association met in the Mount Zion church house in said county and State at 11 a.m., on above date, and was called to order by Eld. W. J. McCrary, and heard the introductory sermon preached by Eld C. A. Burns, followed by S. L. Waldrop. Text 11th verse and 12th chapter of Romans.

On motion adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION-2 P. M.

The delegates came together by singing in the church house.

The Moderator called the body to order, and offered prayer and praise to the giver of all good and perfect gifts, after which he called for letters from the various churches, and appointed J. F. McNeal and W. R. Martin reading clerks.

Received letters bearing names of delegates from the following churches, to-wit:

Mount Zion church, Liberty church, Spring Dale church, New Prospect church, Arkadelphia church, Mount Joy church, Oak Bower church, Calcedona church, Good Hope church, Mineral Spring church, Mount Hope church, Cane Creek church, Mount Olive church, Mount Pisgah church, Harmony church, Mount High church, Chalybeate Springs church, Sulphur Springs church, New Bethel church, Union church, Jefferson county.

On motion, recognized Eld. C. A. Burns as a delegate from Union, Blount county.

On motion, recognized W. C. Wingo and S. L. Waldrop as delegates from Antioch church without a letter.

On motion, elected Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, which resulted in the choice of Eld. W. R. Fullmore, Moderator, J. M. James, Clerk and Treasurer, and Bro. W. R. Martin, Corresponding Secretary.

On motion, amended the regular order of business so as to call for new churches at this juncture of time whereupon the following letters were presented, to-wit: One from Brook Sides presented by Rev. W. C. Wingo (proxy delegate,) and on motion, received the church into the Association, one from New Hope church with delegates, one from Walls Union church with delegates, one from Sardis church with a list of delegates.

On motion, adjourned to meet Friday morning, 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION-9 A. M.

The body came together by singing a hymn, and the Moderator called the house to order and offered prayer led by Rev. D. L. James. After which called for correspondents and on motion received Rev. Dock McCrary, from Clear Creek Association.

On motion, received Rev. D. L. James and Eld. I. Persell as visiting ministers from our association.

A motion was offered to hear Eld. W. J. McCrary make a statement of complaints against New Bethel church, he having objected to its delegates sitting as members of the body while in session. The motion was lost, and the privilege not granted as gospel steps had not been taken.

On motion, returned correspondents.

To Cullman Association—J. R. Jefferson, J. M. Abbott, J. M. James, C. A. Burns and W. R. Martin.

To Clear Creek Association-I. C. McCrary, M. M. Russell, and J. C. Thomas.

To Birmingham Association—S. L. Waldrop, J. A. Thomas and J. A. Owens.

To Warrior River Association—J. T. Hughes and W. C. Wingo.

To North River Association—J. R. Jefferson, E. M. Robinson and W. C. Wingo.

The Moderator appointed E. M. Robinson and deacons of Mount Zion church as a committee on devotion, also the following committees, to-wit:

On Sabbath Schools-J. C. Thomas.

On Documents-Wm. Rouse and Amon Teder.

On State of Religion—W. C. Wingo and Wm. Creal.

On Temperance—I. C. McCrary and J. G. Brooks

On Superanuated Ministers—E. M. Robinson and R. W. Grubbs.

On Education-T. S. Teer and J. A. Montcrief.

On Finance—A. J. Sharitt and J. J. Kile.

On motion, received Rev. Robert Jones as a correspondent from Cullman Association.

On motion, received a letter from Union church with brother Wm. M. Keith as a delegate from Blount county.

The Moderator called for reports of the various committees.

On motion, granted the Executive Board more time.

No other reports being orffered, the Moderator excused Rev. S. L. Waldrop, to go home on account of sickness of his family.

On motion, adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION-2 P. M.

The delegates resorted to the school house near the church house to occupy it for the transaction of business, the Moderator in the chair (W. R. Fullmore) who called the body to order and offered prayer led by Rev. M. M. Russell.

On motion, received Antioch's church letter with Bro. W. W. Statum as bearer and delegate.

On motion, received a letter from Pleasant Valley church by politeness of Eld. T. D. Holcomb and no delegates.

Heard report on missions, and on motion, received the report for discussion. Having had several speeches from the brethren the report was laid on the table until Saturday morning, by a move and second of the body.

On motion, adjourned for the night.

SATURDAY.

9 a.m.—The delegates met in the school house again for business, that the church house might be had for preaching. The Moderator called the body to order and offered prayer.

A motion was offered to take up the missionary report for a second hearing. Carried, and the Clerk was ordered to read it again.

After which a move was offered for its adoption and carried.

See report (1.)

A motion was offered to vote co-operation with the State Mission Board and lost by a majority rising vote.

Heard report on Documents; the report was received and adopted, with the following amendment, to-wit: That the Moderator appoint a committee of two for the purpose of adjusting the trouble between the churches mentioned in the report, who appointed brethren to-wit: Rev. J. W. Trotter and Rev. J. S. Jernigan.

All ordered by move and second of the body.

See report (2.)

Heard report of Executive Board, and on motion received and adopted the report.

See report (3.)

Heard report of our missionary, and on motion, received and adopted the report.

See report (4.)

Heard report on Sabbath schools; on motion, received the report and laid it on the table until 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Heard report on State of Religion, on motion, received and adopted the same.

See report (5.)

Heard report on Education; on motion, received and adopted the same.

See report (6.)

Heard report on Temperance; on motion, received and adopted the same.

See report (7.)

Heard report on Superanuated Ministers; on motion, received and adopted same.

See report (8.)

On motion, appointed the next meeting of the Association to meet with Mount Joy church commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1894, about ten miles west of Blount Springs in Blount county, Alabama, on the L. & N. R. R. Said church is in Blount county, Alabama. And on motion, appointed Eld. C. A. Burns to preach the introductory and Rev. D. L. James, his alternate.

On motion, appointed Eld. I. Persell to preach the Missionary sermon and Eld. W.R. Fullmore as alternate.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion, the body granted all the churches south of the Warrior river letters of dismission when desired for the purpose of organizing a new association; also granted letters to any other churches near the said river for the said purpose when desired.

On motion, granted New Bethel church a letter of dismission at their own request, desiring to belong to an association that would co-operate with the State Mission Board.

On motion, offered a vote of thanks to Mount Zion church

and community for their kind treatment and hospitality while we had our stay with them.

On motion, took up collection for missions, received \$2.91.

On motion, took up collection for Eld. C. A. Burns, received \$4.86.

Heard report of Committee on Finance. For minutes \$32.40. Report received and adopted.

On motion, ordered the clerk to have five hundred copies of the minutes printed; and allow him to keep ten dollars for his services.

Adjourned in the usual form to meet in Sabbath school mass meeting Sunday morning, to discuss the Sabbath school report, then to go home, to meet at the place and time above designated.

W. R. FULLMORE, Moderator. J. M. JAMES, Clerk.

SUNDAY.

Morning Session, 9 A. M.

Moderator and clerk being absent, Rev. J. R. Jefferson called the house to order, in Sunday school mass meeting.

On motion, appointed Rev. W. C. Wingo moderator protem, and J. J. Kyle clerk protem, who took their seats, and after singing a song, prayer was offered, led by Rev. Dock

The original clerk came in and took his seat, in place of McCreary. Bro. J. J. Kile, and resumed business.

On motion, took up the Sabbath school report for discussion, and Eld. C. A. Burns was appointed to open discussion.

While being discussed, Bro. W. R. Martin offered an amendment to the report, which was adopted together with the report. See No. 9.

Adjourned for preaching sine die.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Preaching on Thursday at the school house. Eld. J. T. Hughes preached at 11 a. m., followed by Rev. J. R. Jefferson.

The stand was filled at 11 o'clock Saturday morning by Rev. Robert Jones, and at two o'clock p. m. by Rev. J. S. Jernigan; and on Sunday by Rev. J. W. Trotter, followed by Eld. T. D. Holcomb at 11 a. m.; and Rev. Dock McCreary preached at the school house.

A collection was taken up at the church for missions, amounting to \$3.75, after Bro. J. W. Trotter had preached the missionary sermon to an attentive congregation.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY.

W. R. Fullmore, Moderator, Handby's Mills, Ala. J. M. James, Clerk and Treasurer, Arkadelphia, Ala. W. R. Martin, Cor. Secretary, Blount Springs, Ala. Who also constitute the Executive Board.

LIST OF CHURCHE'S REPRESENTED AND THEIR DELEGATES.

Mount Zion church-*W. J. McCrary, J. J. Kile, W. R. Grubbs and N.

Liberty church—J. V. Creal, †J. T. Hughes, W. R. Guthrey, P. A. Doss and W. M. Rogers.

Spring Dale church—*J. S. Jernigan, A. J. Sharett.

New Prospect church—Thomas Hollis, Willis Harbinson.

Arkadelphia church—W. T. Bagwill, J. M. James and E. M. Robinson.

Mount Joy church—†M. M. Russell, †J. G. Brooks and J. M. Abbott.

Oak Bower church—H. H. Burbee, Sen., J. W. Stewart and Amon Teder.

Calcedona church—D. J. Reid and S. P. Clements. Good Hope church—E. M. Lively.

Mineral Springs church—E. M. Lively.

Mineral Springs church—J. T. Hodges.

Mount Hope church—*J. R. Jefferson.

Cane Creek church—J. M. Sandlin, Wm. Rouse, J. F. Creal, J. W.

Barrows and Martin Roberts,

Mount Olive church—J. E. Goode, W. G. Clements.

Mount Pisgah church—M. L. Wood.

Harmony church—*W. R. Fullmore, C. M. Murphree.

Mount High church—J. R. Russell and E. H. Bradford.

Chalybeate Springs church—F. A. Elliott and I. A. Moncrief

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Sulphur Springs church-*J. C. Thomas, Wm. Compton, Wm. Canon and W, R. Martin.

New Bethel church—*J. W. Trotter, *J. A. Owens, W. J. Creal and R.

C. Greathouse.

Union church, Jefferson county-I. C. McCrary, J. L. Ware and W. R.

Speakman.

Union church, Blount county—*C. A. Burns and Wm. M. Keith.

Antioch church—*W. C. Wingo, *S. L. Waldrop and W. W. Statum.

Brook Sides church—W. C. Wingo, proxy delegate.

Now Hope church—Julius Naile, L. A. Teer and P. S. Teer. Watts Union church—*W. D. Shaw and John Morgan. Sardis church—J. W. James, J. A. Thomas and W. D. Key.

Note. -Ordained ministers marked thus *; licentiates marked thus †.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Moderator call the delegates to order and hear the introductory.

Call for letters from the churches.

Appoint reading clerks and have letters read. 3.

Elect the various officers for the year.

Call for new churches.

Call for visiting brethren to have seats.

Call for correspondents from other associations.

Return correspondents.

9. Appoint the different committees, to-wit: on Devotion, on Sabbath school, on Documents, on State of Religion, on Temperance, on Superanuated Ministers, on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Call for report of the Executive Board. 10. Call for report of standing committees.

11. Appoint standing committees

Appoint time and place of next meeting. 13. Appoint ministers to preach annual sermons.

Offer thanks and other miscellany. 15.

REPORT OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The first district meets with Union Church, Jefferson county, Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July, 1894; Rev. J. C. Thomas to preach the introductory; W. R. Martin, clerk.

The third district will meet with New Union church, near Pratt Mines, Friday before the second Sunday in Feb. 1894. Introductory by G. W.

Red; missionary sermon by W. C. Wingo.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

August 31st, 188	9 2. 16 36
Balance on hand	.0 770

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Oct. 10.	Paid D. L. James for mission work	10 00	
21.	Received minute funds		32 40
	collections for missions		2 91
22.	Collections for missions		3 75
	Paid clerk's fee	10 00	
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NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICE.

1.	J. L. WaldropLinns Crossing,	Ala.
2.	C. A. Burns Bangor,	6.6
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	T. D. HolcombBangor,	66
	B. PowellRobins X Roads	44
	J. C. Thomas Willow,	4.4
	W. R. Fullmore	.6
	G. S. SloanSloan,	66
9.	J. R. Jefferson	66
	D. L. JamesBirmingham,	66
	W. J. McCraryPartrige,	66
	J. W. TrotterWarrior,	4.6
	W. C. WingoBrook Sides,	4.6
	J. A. OwensWarrior,	4.6
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REPORT ON MISSIONS-1.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report.

She promise of God to all the families of the earth is in exact keeping with the terms and scope of the great commission, if all the families of the earth are included in the promise first declared, they are likewise included in the commission finally issued. What God has promised He will fulfill; what He has purposed He will accomplish, but His promise is not to be considered independent of its divinely sanctioned agencies and contingen-There is a sphere in which God's purposes moves independent of human effort and irrespective of human opposition; but in redemption God has demanded into the range and sphere of human activity and energy and has invoked the instrumentality of human effort. Redemption as presented in the Scriptures, first appears in the form of a blessing promised in the call of Abraham. In after times it assumes the form of a command. A long period of time separated the 12th of Genesis from the last of Matthew, but a continuity of purpose extends over intervening ages, making Revelation luminous in its declarations and imperative in its commands. God's purpose first took the form of a blessing promised. In its last analysis he threw it into a form of a command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. The scope of the one corresponds precisely with the scope of the other. The promise of the commission to the disciples might clearly and comprehensively be understood and executed, as his purposes approach their consummation, there seems to be

an increase of energy exerted and a reinforcement of the efforts put forth by all the Associations of the Missionary Baptist, but the Sulphur Spring Association has done but little, not enough to report, in the last year, but the promise of God then is to be fulfilled in the execution of the commission. In this way the promise of God is made the obligation of his people to the sources and faith of his people—to all people salvation is to come. It is the promise of God, and it becomes the promise of his people in so far as he has made it a missionary obligation. God has committed and pledged the resources and efforts of his people in the Mission work. The great commission must stand until it is finally and fully executed. or until it is revoked.

It is the order of the day or rather the order of ages. The promise of God presents to us the extent of Christian obligation in definite form, and the possibilities of missionary effort. The time was when humanly speaking Christendom was a future possibility. In the execution of the commission; in the preaching of the gospel, the boundary lines of Christendom have been established upon the map of the world as they appear to-day. The religions of nations have been overturned; superstitions have vanished; the churches of the Living God have been planted among the ruins of Pagan temples and upon the wild wastes of savage lands, and we are not doing anything in this grand work for the Lord. The Lord's people are ealling for help, but in the past we have turned a deaf ear, Will the churches of the Sulphur Spring Association continue to refuse the call of the brethren and sisters any longer. Brethren and Sisters, the Lord comes to you with his pierced brow and bleeding hands and calls for help, and we refuse to help. What is the penalty? You are cured with a curse. The command is to "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." I pray that we may obey the command of God in spreading the Gospel of the Son of God.

"The battle cry is sounding, we hear the sound afar; Let every one enlisting prepare for Zion's war; Then raise the Gospel banner till all around can see, Our Captain He will lead us forth to victory."

We ask this body to co-operate with the State Mission Board, Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TROTTER, Chm'n.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS-2.

We, your committee, find by examining the letters sent up by the churches of our Association that we are in a more lively condition than last year and that several new churches are added this year. We also find that Mineral Springs Church asks for counsel in reference to Chalybeate Springs Church receiving under the watchful care of their church some excluded members from their church.

We submit the above.

WILLIAM ROUSE, Chm'n.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-3.

After considering our Mission Work in our bounds, we decided to employ our Bro. D. L. James to travel over our Association and destitutions and preach Mission Work to our people and to the people of the destitute

places in our bounds, and promised to pay him \$1.50 (one and 50-100 dollars) per day for his services, and required him to bring his report of his kuow we have not received any money the past year, and we will owe our body to pay in enough at least to satisfy our debt with him. We, further, State Mission Board, and also contribute liberally to the mission cause to to carry on our mission work in and around our Association.

W. R. MARTIN, J. M. JAMES, Committee.

REPORT OF OUR MISSIONARY-4.

Taking charge of the mission work in our bounds immediately after the first Sunday in Sept. 1893, I canvassed and preached in the destitute regions and to as many churches as practicable, worked thirty days, preached 82 sermons, delivered several lectures and exhortations, conducted one funeral, made many visits and private mission talks, traveled 320 miles. At Sanders School house they will soon organize a church. At Damascus, and near provided they can have Baptist preaching and faithful work by some Baptist preacher. Besides these three places the greatest need of a missionary is to system of paying what they owe to the Lord, to carry on this work and and abroad. I would advise that our association co-operate with the State the year or at least eight months, omitting the Spring if any, thus giving the missionary an opportunity to make a crop, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

Oct. 19th, 1893.

D. L. JAMES.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION-5.

Your Committee report that we find from the letters from the churches, that the cause of Christ is rapidly advancing in our association; we find that most all the churches report great revivals in the churches and great numbers being added to the churches, and that several new churches have been organized in our bounds, and seem to be in prosperous condition, but ginning of good times in our midst. Pray on that before the close of another year the gospel may reach every dark nook and corner in our bounds and accomplish its mighty work of saving souls, and where Satan to-day is churches may be built upon the ruins thereof, and the people, and that lights and be constrained to fall out with the way of sin, and come out from every christian will let that missionary spirit that dwells in every christian's part that belongs to God as Saphire and Ananias did, that our report at next annual meeting will be far better. Brethren let us work for our God.

W. C. Wingo,

/INGO, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION-6.

Your Committee finds that the importance of education is making a deep sensation in the minds of our people as the dark days of ignorance are passing away. The light of knowledge is making its way into the minds and hearts of our people that the young men and women are learning that they were created for a more noble purpose than to waste their time of youthful culture, and the neglect of the cultivation of the youthful mind that it will blount their intellects for life; we also see that our denomination has awakened to a sense of the importance of an educated ministry, and we would recommend that our churches make liberal donations to the cause of the education of the ministry, as the societies of education are surpassing anything in the history of life. We recommend the moral culture as well as the educational culture, and think that parents should look well to the importance of placing their sons and daughters in such schools or colleges as teach the true science and principals of the christian religion. We therefore recommend the patronage of the Howard College, as it is a college conducted for our denomination; its light is shining far over our American Continent, and we, your committee, are glad to say that the outlook of education is far better than at any time in the past history.

Submitted,

T. S. TEER, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE-7.

Your Committee reports that so far as the use of intoxicating drink is concerned, temperance has gained some ground in this section; while this is the case here it has no doubt lost ground in other sections of the country. The confusion and trouble and distress and shameful deaths that have been caused by this monster never has been told; it will take eternity to reveal it. Paul says that every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things, it seems to your committee that the intemperate use of the tongue is as great an evil among us as intoxicating drink could be. May God help each of us to be temperate in all things, is the prayer of your committee.

J. C. McCrary,

Chairman.

REPORT ON SUPERANUATED MINISTERS-8.

Your Committee report one of our old veterans, Eld. C. A. Burns, quite feeble and should have the attention to some extent of our association and support of our body, which we deem our duty.

E. M. Robinson, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT-9.

Your Committee offer the following report with suggestions, that only a few churches have reported Sabbath schools, some have made good reports in good form showing good work and prosperity.

Our information is that such noble and necessary work has been left in the back ground generally, in our churches; surely the time that is past

should suffice for our Baptist churches to sleep over our duties and opportunities to give our children such moral and religious instructions as will make them capable of understanding and enjoying a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures which are able to make them sure unto salvation, and we the instructions, and useful knowledge not to be acquired in any other manner pastors and evangelists be requested to give a diligent attention to Sabbath schools within their ministerial labors, during the incoming associational schools within their ministerial labors during the incoming associational

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. ABBOTT, Chairman.

Arrendment to above report adopted by motion, to-wit:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Sabbath school mass meeting that there should be a Sabbath school organized in every church and neighborat an early day in a beginning in such good work, so that there may be a good attendance with such work and literature securing a continuance all the year at every church and neighborhood.

C. A. Burns.

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